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SURF'S UP The waves of San Juan in La Union province, have become summer's magnet for local and foreign surfers. (Story on Page A19)

China to PH: Quit shoal

Most urgent issue to Pinoys: Stop rising cost

ALMOST seven in every 10 adult Filipinos last month considered controlling escalating prices the most urgent national issue for which the Aquino administration received its lowest public approval rating, the latest Pulse Asia survey found.

Prices of goods and services have gone up largely as a result of a series of fuel price increases, while minimum wages have stagnated.

The survey, conducted from Feb. 26 to March 9, also found that the least urgent of the issues the administration must address included "ensuring a fair

MOST / A11



HAPPY COALITION TALK Vice President Jejomar Binay and former President Joseph Ejercito Estrada talk during the "Roast Toast" surprise dinner held as part of the prebirthday celebration of the former President at Enderun College in Taguig City on Monday night. But no one "roasted" Estrada. He was toasted by his Cabinet men, movie colleagues and an admiring throng.

Jojo doubts Mar won't run in 2016

By Gil C. Cabacungan

VICE PRESIDENT Jejomar Binay has expressed doubt about the declaration of Transportation Secretary Manuel "Mar" Roxas II that he was not running in the 2016 presidential election, saying the latter was doing what then President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo did in 2002.

"Is that so? A lot of you were surprised that I didn't act like a hypocrite because I really have plans. Those are the same lines of others in the past," said Binay when asked about Roxas' statement that he was not interested in the 2016 elections.

President Aquino has said he would push for Roxas in the 2016 presidential election. It was Roxas, then Liberal Party (LP) president, who slid down to be a vice presidential candidate in 2010 to give way to Mr. Aquino to be the LP standard-bearer following the death of his mother, former President Corazon Aquino.

Binay, however, gave little credence to Roxas' words. "That is his position as of now," said Binay who reckoned that the transportation secretary would most likely be the President's chosen one should Roxas decide to run.

"If that will happen, this is one of those things that you should consider if the President and I will really part ways," the Vice President said.

Binay was referring to Arroyo's

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Battered bubbies suffer in silence

By Ayan Mellejor
Inquirer Mindanao

DAVAO CITY—Battered husbands do exist but most of the time they just keep quiet for fear of being sued themselves under a law protecting women and children against abuses.

This was what the Federation of Gender and Development (FGAD) here has found out, said Fiona Estrope, its president.

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Second Sino plane buzzes fishermen in Panatag

By Jerry E. Esplanada and Dona Z. Pazzibugan

CHINA has asked all Philippine vessels to leave immediately Panatag Shoal and sent a second aircraft buzzing over the area to scare away Filipino fishermen, officials said yesterday.

On Monday night, the Chinese Embassy in Manila insisted that Panatag, which it calls Huangyan Island and which is internationally known as Scarborough Shoal, belongs to Beijing.

"As of now we still have a standoff

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3 senators support P-Noy's 'no-war' stand • Second warship coming soon, says Gazmin / A6

PH dares China to let int'l court decide dispute

By Jerry E. Esplanada

FOREIGN Secretary Albert del Rosario yesterday dared China to join the Philippines in bringing the Panatag Shoal dispute to the International Tribunal on the Law of the Sea (Itlos) based in Hamburg, Germany.

In a text message from New York City, Del Rosario said the exercise would ascertain which country had sovereign rights to the string of reefs and islands

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PULITZER'S BEST This photo taken on Dec. 6, 2011, shows Shia Muslim Tarana Akbari, 12, crying near dead and injured people after explosions during a religious ceremony at the Abul Fazel shrine in the center of Kabul in Afghanistan where Shia Muslims were marking the Day of Ashura. Agence France-Presse photographer Massoud Hossaini won the agency's first Pulitzer Prize for the picture on April 16 in the breaking news photography category "for his heartbreaking image of a girl crying in fear after a suicide bomber's attack at a crowded shrine in Kabul," the committee announced. AFP

Car theft leader convicted; judge hailed

By Carmela Reyes-Estrope
Inquirer Central Luzon

CITY OF MALOLOS—In a decision that was held up by the Palace as a model of "impartiality and swiftness," Raymund Dominguez, one of the suspected leaders of a car theft gang operating in Metro Manila and Central Luzon, was convicted yesterday in a car theft case and sentenced from 17 to 30 years in jail.

"Judge Wilfredo Nieves handed down the decision with impartiality and swiftness, taking only a year and four months to resolve the case,"

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FRIENDS and supporters of slain broadcaster and environmentalist Gerry Ortega have put up a P300,000 reward for information leading to the arrest of former Palawan Gov. Joel Reyes and his brother, Coron Mayor Mario Reyes Jr., who are alleged to have masterminded the assassination of Ortega last year.

Ex-Sarangani gov, 6 others charged with graft





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Prosecutors want GMA suspended as solon

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Gina seeks a million signatures

By Jocelyn R. Uy

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS



BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE

DOTC Road Transportation IT Infrastructure Project (LTO Component)

Section I. Invitation to Bid

INVITATION TO BID FOR THE ROAD TRANSPORTATION IT INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT (LTO COMPONENT)

The Department of Transportation and Communications (DOTC) intends to implement a nationwide, integrated, scaleable and robust Information and Communications Technology System (hereinafter "ICT System") for the transportation sector. The project will be called the DOTC Road Transportation IT Infrastructure Project (hereinafter the "DOTC IT Infrastructure Project"). The DOTC IT Infrastructure Project will have several components and the first component will be the customization, development, integration, procurement, supply, delivery, installation, implementation, operations, service and maintenance of the ICT System of the Land Transportation Office (LTO).

1. The DOTC, through the General Appropriations Act of 2011 and a Multi-year Obligational Authority (MYOA) by the Department of Budget and Management for the years 2013-2020, intends to apply the sum of Eight Billion Two Hundred Twenty Million Six Hundred Eighty-Five Thousand Five Hundred Nine Pesos and Fourteen Centavos (P8,220,685,509.14), this being the Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC), to payments under the contract for the **DOTC IT INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT (LAND TRANSPORTATION COMPONENT)**. Bids received in excess of the ABC shall be automatically rejected at bid opening. Payment terms shall be in accordance with Section V. Special Conditions of Contract.

2. The DOTC now invites bids for the DOTC IT Infrastructure Project. This shall involve, as its first phase, the customization, development, integration, procurement, supply, delivery, installation, implementation, operations, service and maintenance of the ICT System of the LTO. The DOTC IT Infrastructure Project shall run from 2012 until January 2013 when delivery, installation, and implementation of the ICT System is required in accordance with the schedule set out in Section VI. Schedule of Requirements, and from February 2013 until February 2020 when the operations, service and maintenance of the ICT System is required.

3. A Bidder must have completed by itself (or through member firms, if a JV or Consortium) as a Total Solutions Provider (TSP), provided that the TSP has at least 40% ownership of the JV or Consortium, at least two similar contracts to the DOTC IT Infrastructure Project within the last ten (10) years prior to the date of submission and receipt of bids, and whose aggregate value, adjusted to current prices using the National Statistics Office consumer price indices, must be at least fifty percent (50%) of the ABC. The largest of these similar contracts must be equivalent to twenty-five percent (25%) of the ABC. A TSP is a systems integrator, hardware solutions provider, operations and service maintenance provider, among others, of an ICT System. The description of an eligible bidder is contained in the Bidding Documents, particularly, in Section II. Instructions to Bidders.

4. The winning Bidder should be able to provide the following:

   a. Project Management;
   b. Solution Design, Configuration and Integration;
   c. Application Development and Internal Testing;
   d. User's Acceptance Testing;
   e. Pilot Implementation;
   f. Process Improvements Study;
   g. Information Systems Security Policy;
   h. Technology Transfer/Training;
   i. Technical Advisory/Consulting Services;
   j. Contingency/Risk Management/Disaster Recovery Plan;
   k. Change Management ;
   l. Post Implementation Support ; and
   m. Maintenance Support Plan.



5. Bidding will be conducted through open competitive bidding procedures using a non-discretionary "pass/fail" criterion as specified in the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act (RA) 9184, otherwise known as the "Government Procurement Reform Act".

6. Bidding is open to all interested Bidders, whether local or foreign, subject to the conditions for eligibility provided in the IRR of RA 9184.

7. Interested Bidders may obtain further information from the DOTC and inspect the Bidding Documents at **Unit 153, 15th Floor, The Columbia Tower, Brgy. Wack-Wack, Ortigas Avenue, Mandaluyong City** during office hours from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

   A complete set of Bidding Documents may be purchased by interested Bidders starting 18 April 2012 from the address above and upon payment of a nonrefundable fee in the amount of One Million Pesos (P1,000,000.00).

   The Bidding Documents may also be downloaded free of charge from the website of the Philippine Government Electronic Procurement System (PhilGEPS) and the website of the DOTC, provided that Bidders shall pay the nonrefundable fee for the Bidding Documents not later than the deadline for the submission of their bids.

8. The DOTC will hold a Pre-Bid Conference at **the Sapphire A Function Room, 4th flr., Crowne Plaza Manila, Galleria, Ortigas corner ADB Ave. Quezon City., Philippines on 25 April 2012 at 1:00 p.m.**, which shall be open to all interested parties.

9. Bids must be delivered to **the Ruby A Function Room, 4th flr., Crowne Plaza Manila, Galleria, Ortigas corner ADB Ave. Quezon City., Philippines at 1:00 p.m. of 16 May 2012.** Bids may be submitted before **16 May 2012** at **Unit 153, 15th Floor, The Columbia Tower, Brgy. Wack-Wack, Ortigas Avenue, Mandaluyong City.** All Bids must be accompanied by a bid security in any of the acceptable forms and in the amount stated in **ITB** Clause 18.

   Bid opening shall be on **16 May 2012** at **the Ruby A Function Room, 4th flr., Crowne Plaza Manila, Galleria, Ortigas corner ADB Ave. Quezon City., Philippines at 1:00 p.m.** Bids will be opened in the presence of the Bidders' representatives who choose to attend at the address below. Late bids shall not be accepted.

10. The DOTC reserves the right to accept or reject any bid, to annul the bidding process, and to reject all bids at any time prior to contract award, without incurring any liability to the affected Bidder or Bidders.

11. For further information, please refer to:

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Most urgent nat'l issue to Pinoys

Urgency of selected issues and Aquino administration's performance ratings (Feb. 26 to March 9, in percent)

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Controlling inflation	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
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Fighting corruption	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Creating jobs	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
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Across the NATION

Ati tribe occupies land in Boracay

BORACAY ISLAND—Before the sun rose on Tuesday, the Ati tribe of Boracay Island occupied the land titled to their community in what they hope would be the end to decades of struggle to have a home in the world-famous resort.



Vizcaya jail raid uncovers drug ring, sex dens in cells

Mall opens tree transfer site to foes, gov't execs

Rat species thought extinct seen after 20 years



Seized Chinese vessels remind PH Navy 'we can do it'



INQUIRER Northern Luzon

Book goes to heart of Igorot people

By Maurice Malanes
Baguio City

A BOOK about the Igorot people was sold out even before it was out in the market. Those who attended the book launch in Baguio City last week had to jostle their way to buy the few copies left.

Why was it a bestseller? Those who sponsored and preordered copies of the 332-page "Igorot by Heart" had a common desire—to disseminate a book that can help correct persistent prejudices and biases against people in the Cordillera because of their "otherness."

Some 300 sponsors, mostly based overseas, intended to distribute 2,500 copies to libraries in the mountainous region, said Yvonne Belen, an Igorot migrant in Amsterdam, who helped edit the book.

Of the 2,750 copies printed, only 250 were available for sale during the April 11 launch.

"Igorot by Heart" contains 11 essays of mostly Igorot authors. In her autobiography, Daisy Lauron, calls herself "a Tagalog by birth, a Cordilleran by affinity (her late husband was from Abra) and Igorot by heart," a description from which the editors derived the book's title.

The book is a collection of keynote addresses from the first eight international consultations of the Igorot Global Organization (IGO) from 1995 to 2010. Proceeds from the sale will help pay the tuition and other school expenses of poor Igorot students.

"This book will definitely help the Igorot recover their pride as it helps enlighten other Filipinos about Cordillera culture and history," said Dr. Ellen Bonoda, Department of Education (DepEd) director in the Cordillera.

Its authors are another source of pride for many Cordillera folk.

"I feel deeply touched by the collective work of the authors and editors. This book was historic as it was written by Igorot people," said Manuel Aris, who chairs the IGO-Philippines.

'Otherness'

Aris said most books about the Cordillera were written by foreigners. "We need more Igorot people to write about our own culture and history," he said.

Most of the essays deal with the Igorot people's "otherness," which has made them a minority. The reason? They have maintained and preserved a way of life and world view, which is distinct from their Hispanized and colonized lowland brothers and sisters.

But that "otherness," as the late Catholic Bishop Francisco Claver and other co-authors explained, must be a source of pride, not derision.

In his essay, "The Essence of Culture in our Lives," Claver pondered on "The Wild Men of the Cordillera Central, Northern Luzon, Philippines, at the St. Louis World Fair, 1904."

During the 1904 fair, some men and women from the central Cordillera were brought to St. Louis, Missouri, and stayed in an "Igorot Village" to show their "way of life," which highlighted how they butchered and ate dogs.

"We now remember those exhibited ancestors of ours for the latter part of them that was not given much notice at the fair. The sheer thrill of their culture evoked curiosity, wonderment, possibly even amusement—and yes, indignation at the dog-eating part of it—and it was used for propaganda purposes to rationalize and justify American (or at least President William McKinley's) imperialist ambitions," Claver wrote.

"But their inner selves, their spiritual legacy—I would like to think they are yours too—they are ours," he said.

What was the spiritual legacy of these "wild men?" Their "wildness" was "a function of their never having been fully conquered by Spanish arms, their not having been subjugated" like the rest of the country, the prelate said.

As expected, Claver said some Filipinos, particularly the "civilized, educated, elite of native Philippine society resented our 'wild' pagan ancestors at the fair, claiming that their being exhibited precisely as wild people gave a wrong—and unsavory—impression of Filipinos in general."

He said those who came to the fair missed what lay below the Igorot "wildness"—the spirit of freedom. This, he said, had kept the people into successfully fighting off foreign domination for two centuries.

Identity

The book also features essays on identity, indigenous values, principles and traditional knowledge.

Businessman Richard Sison Pooten, who lives in London with his family, wrote about the importance of rituals in different periods of Igorot life—birth, marriage, family and death. Pooten said these rituals and their values had helped him and his family to be rooted in Igorot culture even while living abroad.

The emphasis on strong, intact families and their natural tendency to relate or be in touch with each other is pronounced, said Albert Bacdayan, a former teacher at Brent School who now lives in the United States after marrying a Brent colleague, Carolyn Sterling Bahle of Connecticut.

In "Igorot Bridge to Success in North America," Bacdayan said: "I see a close-knit Igorot community in the entire [illegible] and Canada and be proud whose members are concerned for each other, care for each other and who are proud of each other."

As the Igorot people go global, they are not exempt from social issues that plague emerging modern societies, said John Dyte, the book's chief editor. This is why Dyte agreed with Episcopalian Bishop Alexander Wandag, one of the authors, who stressed that "aside from understanding ourselves, we also have a responsibility" to respond to local concerns, such as education.

That responsibility, Dyte said, was to find "new and unique innovative solutions to old and emerging problems."



IGOROT PRIDE Children showcase their culture and heritage as they join their elders in the celebration of the Lang-ay Cultural Festival in Bontoc, Mt. Province.

Riding the waves in San Juan

By Maria Visaya
San Juan, La Union

EVERY DAY, Jomar Badilla, 11, and Mark Gio Esparrero, 10, scour the stretch of resorts along the cove of Barangay Urbiztondo in San Juan, La Union, selling "cainito" (star apple), green mangoes and other fruits they picked from nearby trees.

Once they have sold all their fruits, or when their favorite customer, professional surfer Luke Landrigan, buys whatever is left from their day's merchandise and asks them to go surfing, they don't hesitate.

They grab surf boards from Landrigan's resort and surf school, run to the beach with long boards atop their heads and spend the rest of the afternoon riding the waves.

John Ortiz, 15, like his friends Badilla and Esparrero, learned surfing when he was 10 years old by borrowing boards from surf shop owners. Ortiz is one of the youngsters skim boarders and instructors in the resort.

Like Landrigan, whom they call "Daddy Luke," and other locals who trained pro surfers at Billabong Surf School in San Juan Surf Resort, these youngsters also dream of becoming professional surfers someday. Among their local heroes is the one tagged "Prince of Tides," Benoski Esquivel.

Tourist draw

San Juan has, no doubt, become La Union's top tourist destination. Its waves are ideal for beginners and amateur surfers. From a fishing village, the town has become a surfing mecca in northern Luzon since it caught the attention of foreign surfers in the 1980s.

"The beach is where a lot of newbies learn to surf and where they hone their skills," says Martin Valera, Department of Tourism regional director. The kilometer-long stretch of beach boasts of clean shores. Surfers take care of the place.

Landrigan says foreigners discovered the surf site, and locals adapted to the surfing culture. "Filipinos didn't know how to surf before," he says.

His father, Brian, 76, is one of the pioneer surfers. With him as mentor, Landrigan started competing when he was 13. His biggest accomplishment is winning the silver medal in the long board division of the first Asian Beach Games held in Bali, Indonesia, in 2008. He is also the first Filipino to become part of the Billabong Southeast Asia Surf Team.

Landrigan studied architecture for two years before he pursued what he jokingly calls his "BS in Surfing" degree, dedicating his life to the waves and letting the ocean plan his days. He put up his surf school in 2003, called "Surf Camp" by patrons.

In December last year, his school held a free clinic for 19 children from the Special Education Center in San Fernando City. "It's our way of giving back for everything that surfing has done for us," Landrigan says.

Another pioneer, Shinago "Ka" Kazuo, 66, discovered San Juan when he read an article about its waves in an American surfing magazine in 1980. At that time, he was working at a surfboard factory in Japan.

In 1981, his company had a surf tour of the Philippines, from Metro Manila to Pagudpud, Ilocos Norte. He settled in San Juan 18 years ago and married a resident of Cabo town. The couple has two children.

He points out, however, that Esquivel's father had seen the first surfer in the area in 1976, an American soldier from the Wallace Air Station in nearby San Fernando City.

Kazuo founded the La Union Surfing Association in 1998 and organized the first local surfing contest in September that year.

The idea of making locals earn money by teaching surfing occurred to Kazuo in 1990. "I thought locals have no income, no business, so we started to teach them so they can teach also," he says.

Chencee Villanueva, Jose Olarsa, and Arnel Florencero have been credited for being the first locals who learned how to surf and to teach surfing.

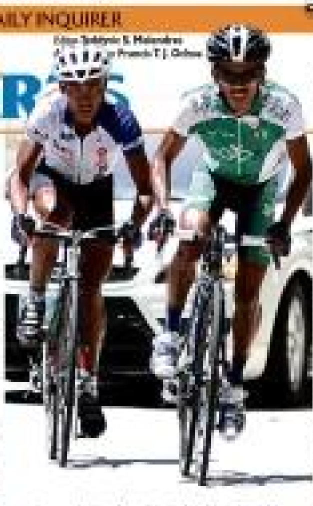
Vincent Esquivel, 30, an instructor, says he and his friends didn't have surf boards then so they would just shape wooden boards, some even tearing down sections of the wooden walls of their houses for materials.

"Eventually, the locals were given surf boards by foreigners. Some boards were left by them, while others were donated by groups abroad," says Rey de Ala, 28, another instructor.

There are 80 instructors in the village belonging to the La Union Surf Club. The club agreed on a fixed price of P300 for board rental and another P200 for an hour-long lesson.

Eagles, Lions heavily picked to post win No. 2

SPORTS



Ravina breaks thru in Le Tour

Tabs first PH victory with brave ride



Final results

Triple threat powers Erasers past Tigers

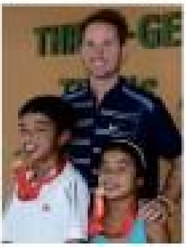


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Philippines, UK embassy start Olympic countdown

5 Thais reinforce V-League sides

GOLDEN KIDS



Go seizes lead; Superal still on top

Pagulayan trips Liu as Team PH ties Asia



Whatever happened to the complaint vs Azkals?

CLEAN LIVING

Manolo R. Iñigo



B-Meg ousts tired Ginebra

TNT, Barako fight to the death

Jazz keep playoff hopes alive; Heat still hot

'Hey, PBA management, where are you?'

IN HUDDLE

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RTC junks Madrigal heirs' appeals

By Miko Morelos



SKYWAY-MAGALLANES WIDENING

Defy this QC law and be 'shot' next to your trash

METROBRIEFS

Manila vagrants given jobs



Fire displaces 50 families

Mall rob suspects 'trike drivers who ...'

The WORLD



UN tightens North Korea sanctions

UNITED NATIONS—The UN Security Council on Monday ordered tightened sanctions on North Korea over its failed rocket launch and warned of new action if the isolated state stages a nuclear test.

10 erring US agents sanctioned

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WorldBriefs

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Local stocks surge to all-time high

INDICATORS



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April 17, 2012
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STOCK MARKET
April 17, 2012
39.82

Main price barometer hits intraday peak of 5,186.52

By Doris C. Dumlao

THE LOCAL stock market surged to a new all-time high past 5,150 yesterday as more investors returned from extended holidays while the market [illegible]





Megaworld 2011 profit up 60%

Posts ROE of 13.18% from net income of P8B

Globe to issue ₱10B in retail bonds by June

PHILIPPINE STOCK EXCHANGE



PSE 'wild card'

BIZ BUZZ
By the staff

Conflict of interest

Chairman's favorite

Fading Willie magic

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Soap Making Marketing Techniques at UP

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OBITUARIES

Nothing that is remembered fades and no one who has touched a heart truly passes away . . .



In loving memory of the 17th Death Anniversary of

Luz Puyat Martel

on April 18, 2012

Holy Masses will be offered at the following Churches:

Her family kindly requests all readers to remember her in their prayers.

OBITUARIES

DEATH NOTICE

LUNINGNING ZARCAL SANTOS

[illegible]

FELIZA M. JAVIER

[illegible]

Quezon City

[illegible]



Kid-friendly garden community rises in Paco, Manila





BUSINESS

IMF: PH may grow at a faster clip despite problems

Euro zone contraction to drag down emerging markets

Manufacturing output improved in Feb.

Neda exec says factory yield bodes well for PH economy

Petron spent P24B in 2011 on expansion

By Amy R. Remo

Top telcos seen on collision course

Europe-Asean trade bloc sees bumper years ahead

By Amy R. Remo

Philam earnings jumped 79% in 2011 to P7.3B

Private equity company buys into Coastal Road firm

Alphaland set to complete 2 projects

Local stocks surge

Biz Buzz

Do you believe in magic?

MONEY MATTERS

Efren Ll. Cruz



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BUSINESS

UM Philippines hires new Technical Adviser





MOTORING

Kid them not

Make sure that children are safer on every ride



CHILDREN below 13 should always be buckled up in the back seat.

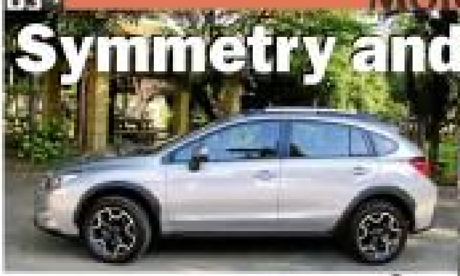
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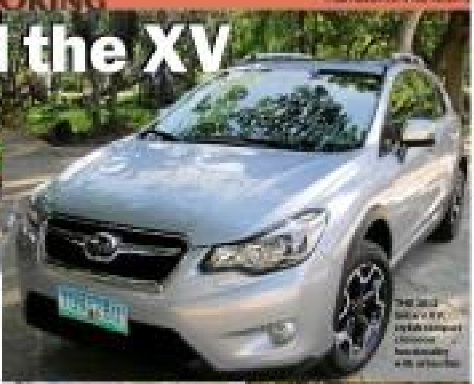
Kids sit in the back seat

Choose a proper child seat

Install the child seat properly

Symmetry and the XV





ON THE ROAD









Caring for Carens



Uefa Euro trip awaits Kia test drive winner



5 kid-friendly features for a safer, more fun journey

Kid them not









Summer to-do's



MOTORING

Editor: Jerry R. Amoro

How to judge a man by his car

By Jeanette Ipapo-Tuason

LET'S FACE it, we all like to judge a book by its cover. We also judge him by his watch, his shoes, the thickness of his hair and the number of his platinum credit cards. The external package that encases a possible prince charming or boyfriend from hell, is the first thing you see. It is the feature that catches your attention to have a second look, gives your brain time to decide if you like what you see. This does not mean you are superficial—there is a scientific explanation to it. Any species gets attracted to a possible good mate, which includes characteristics such as body size (to ensure big healthy offspring), physical symmetry (to create a good looking offspring) and pack status (protection and providing for the offspring). In our times, this is now measured with power, wealth and social status.

Drive like a girl...fabulously

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The car and man relationship

Instead of cars being the root of fights, let me enlighten you on how this can be your best friend and ally like his secretary (although your car cannot be your maid of honor). Cars are the sanctuary of men. It's where their ego rests. Besides being the primary mode of transportation to go to and fro, it is also a negotiating tool with expensive bag and shoe purchases. "You buy expensive magwheels for your car, but it gets scrubbed and peed upon by dogs." It is also an indication factor of a lot of relationship and spending habits. According to a study featured on the dailytelegraph by Michael Dunn of the University of Wales Institute in Cardiff, "Females focus on questions of wealth and status because if the male possesses those, then mate would be in a better condition to rear healthy offspring." "Like in animal packs, the alpha male, usually get all the perks, more mates and the first dibs on food in exchange for being the big bad wolf. More than often, wealth and status is the new sign of how a male can provide and protect offspring and even though women now are becoming independent and financially stable, we still feel the need that when the time comes, we want a man that can protect us. But men on stallion do not necessarily mean they are automatically knights.

With a little help from friends, here's the verdict:

Driving a high-end sports car (Ferrari, Lamborghini, Audi R8). Out of 13 respondents of both sexes, majority answered that owners of cars like this, tend to compensate for something. In my opinion, men who buy these cars have a need to prove that they are at the top of the pack.

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Gaby, and the art of Prius riding

Yes, the Pinoy big sister and car racer owns one, and she's ready to tell all... about the car, that is

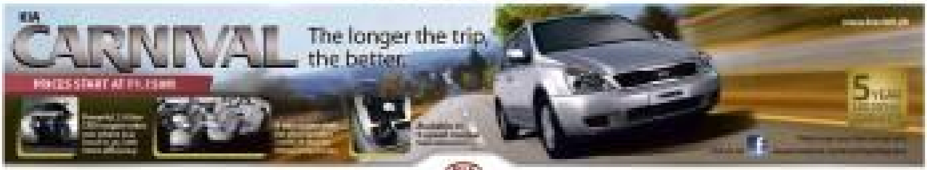








Record March sales for hybrids, electric cars in the US



How to judge a man by his car



Designed to look and feel quick

Text and photos by Charles E. Buban

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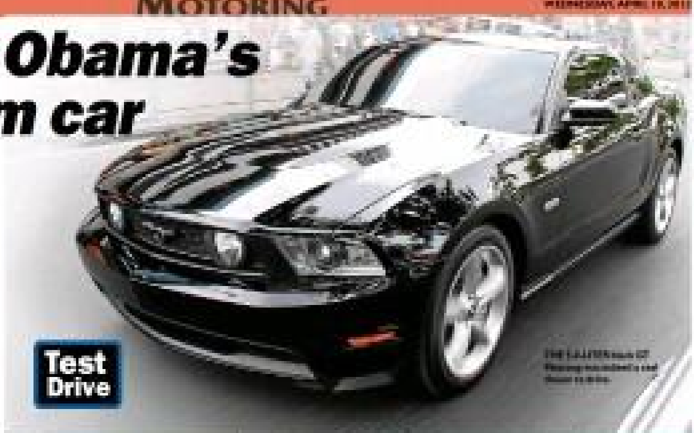
FORD Fiesta 1.6S' cargo compartment is surprisingly spacious



THE FIESTA 1.6S is a remarkable Ford creation that will definitely put a smile every time you sit behind the wheel

21st Phoenix Trans Sport Show opens at SM Megamall

Driving Obama's dream car











JP Tuason joining Porsche Cup in Nurburgring

TRS Founder's Europe stint seen to open doors to more Filipino racers to compete abroad

Roseberg finds first career Formula 1 victory in China



Editor Thelma Sioson San Juan

LIFESTYLE Parenting

[illegible caption]





LITTLE chef [illegible] the dough using a rolling pin to make Apple Crumble Tart at The Maya Kitchen.

Why cooking lessons can teach your kids more than recipes

How do you know your child is ready for it?

By [illegible]

ARE YOU HUNTING for fun activities for your kids this summer?

Cooking and baking are not just for [illegible] anymore. With the popularity of "Junior Masterchef" and the reality TV shows with real-life chefs, children are [illegible] to don a chef's jacket and play with food.

But, how do you know if your child is ready for a summer culinary arts program?

"If you see your children hanging around in the kitchen, especially when you are preparing meals, most likely they are interested in cooking," says [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Why cooking lessons can teach your kids more than recipes





Don't coerce them

Follow-up activity

Cooking classes for kids

HERE'S A SCHEDULE of summer culinary classes you might want to check out for you and your kids.

InterContinental Hotel

Young People's Cook-In

Maya Kitchen

Taking a break with the birthday boys

We had invited the children from our barangay to help us celebrate. When we got there, we realized that even kids from the other barangays had shown up!



MAMA DIARIES







Nipped by the ostrich

Choo-choo train on a pony

Be kind to Mother Earth—and not just this Sunday

[illegible]

THE CONSUMER

Linda B. Bolido

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Cooking classes for kids

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Pastry workshops with Chef Marta Midtoto of Marta's Cakes

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Dorothy Ferreria

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Kitchen Hobbies Cooking Center

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Center for Culinary Arts, Manila

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McDonald's to hold annual kiddie workshop

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WHAT'S UP





I must have 'killed' more than two dozen pine tree seedlings

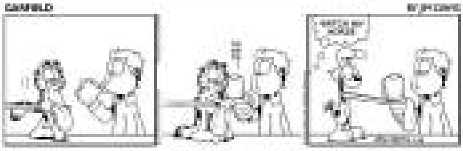
How to handle their beautiful but delicate nature







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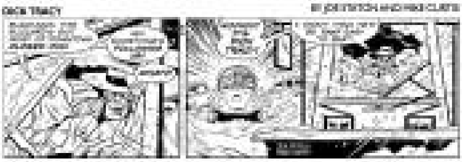




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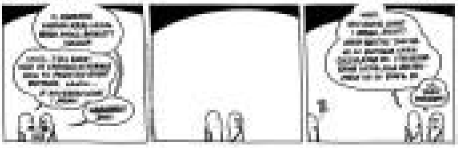
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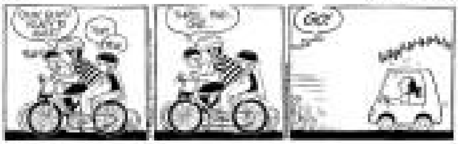


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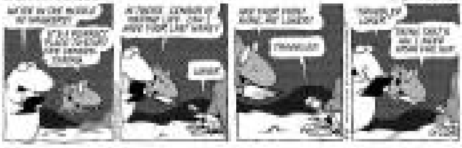
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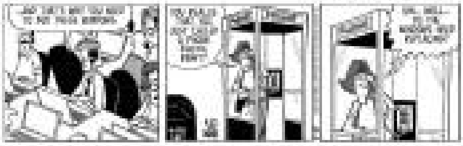
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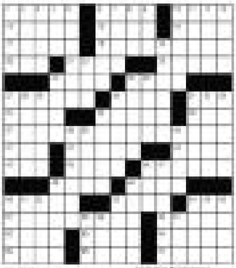
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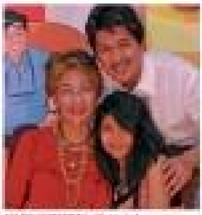
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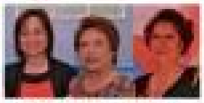




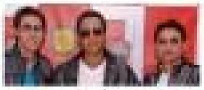
MARY/UNDERT [illegible] Linda Legaspi, [illegible] Albert Reyes, daughter Ana



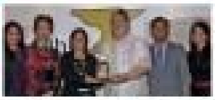
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LING Ordona, Vilma Labrador, [illegible]



MAC Libunao, [illegible] Arcilla, [illegible]



THE REAL Bank accepts Anvil Award Merit for PR Tools: Michelle Bautista, Linda Legaspi, [illegible] Real Bank chair Jose Arnaldo, [illegible] Hernandez, April San Felipe



VILMA Labrador, Linda Legaspi, [illegible]

Real Bank gets real on thrift and savings



"MGA KWENTO ni Lolo Pepe Big Book 5" launched by Real Bank chair Jose Arnaldo, his wife Amparing [illegible]

WHO WOULD have thought that one year will start with three big achievements?" asked Jose G. Arnaldo, Real Bank chair, which recently celebrated its 15th anniversary.

He was referring to the book's well-received traveling exhibit, the launch of "Mga Kwento ni Lolo Pepe Book 5," and an Anvil Award.

Arnaldo made his remarks during the launch of the latest book in the "Mga Kwento ni Lolo Pepe" series, which compiles true-to-life stories "on thrift and savings," as the bank chair put it.

The book also shows the fascinating story of Lolo Pepe (Arnaldo) and how he became a responsible spender, and how he came to apply his [illegible] throughout his life.

The book also talks about his marriage to Amparing Arnaldo and his life as a father to five sons—Allan, Jojo, Jonathan, Anthony and James.

The book and exhibit are part of Real Bank's advocacy, "[illegible]... May [illegible]."

Also part of the advocacy is "[illegible]," a traveling exhibit which has toured [illegible] schools in Manila and Luzon, along with [illegible], Real Bank's [illegible].

Real also held the "[illegible]" making contest." Ling Ordona, Real Bank VP for corporate communications, said "It is important to [illegible] the [illegible] and acceptance, through practical applications, of the values being taught to the [illegible]."

The bank also won the Anvil Award of Merit for PR Tools for "Being Real in a Changing World," an [illegible] musical documenting the bank's history over 15 years through a series of songs performed by the [illegible], dahlings.

"It is our deep desire to bring thrift and savings into the children's consciousness as early as grade school that is the main driver of all these activities," said Arnaldo.

During the launch, Education Undersecretary Yolly Quijano thanked [illegible], headed by Linda Legaspi, especially for inviting grade schoolers to the launch. The school kids will benefit from the books, she said.

After the launch, it was time to dig into the late afternoon dinner, [illegible] by [illegible] of [illegible].

Later the invitees [illegible] their dancing shoes and rocked the dance floor as hits of the '70s were played by a live band.

[illegible], dahlings.

WITHOUT BATTING AN EYELASH



Maurice Arcache

Photo by [illegible] powered by [illegible]

Aria now in Manila

That iconic restaurant which started in Boracay has spread its wings and finally landed at Bonifacio High Street Central, dahlings. Its young restaurateur Juan Elizalde and his partner, Paolo Occhionero, have brought Aria to Manila. My palangga, [illegible], hosted the exclusive opening, dahlings. It began with [illegible] of Boracay, led by Ana [illegible] eldest daughter, [illegible].

[illegible] Juan's mother, are [illegible] Pardo de Tavera Elizalde, TV host Marc Nelson and his date, Sam Lewis; top model [illegible]; beautiful [illegible] Schulze-del Rosario and [illegible] Schulze [illegible]; [illegible] and his wife [illegible], who had just come from Bangkok, and her [illegible] sister, Angela [illegible].

Doing the ribbon-cutting were [illegible] Anton del Rosario and his brother, [illegible] Juan Elizalde and [illegible] Paolo Occhionero's [illegible].

The fun part was the short video clip [illegible] "The Making of a Perfect Pizza," showing the [illegible] pizza, the [illegible] topped with arugula and parmesan. Yummy, dahlings.

Check out Aria. [illegible], palangga!

(Aria Cucina Italiana is at the upper ground floor of [illegible], Bonifacio High Street Central, [illegible] Street and 7th Ave., Bonifacio Global City, Taguig. Go to [illegible] or Facebook and follow @AriaCucina on Twitter.)

Dusit Thani Manila bags 15 awards

Dusit Thani chain is beaming with pride as the Dusit Thani Manila received 15 awesome awards at the Hospitality Asia Platinum Awards (HAPA) at Capella Singapore and Marina Mandarin, Singapore.

It was the highest number of awards won among the hotels in Singapore, Indonesia, Thailand, Malaysia, Vietnam and Philippines, after a six-month study of 157 nominees by a panel of judges.

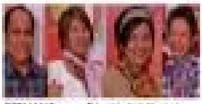
The awards included Hotel of the Year (Hotel Excellence and Service Award for Philippines); Best General Manager of the Year (for popular GM Prateek Kumar); Spa of the Year (Devarana Spa); Signature Luxury and Business Hotel; Most Exquisite Dining Experience Western (Basix Restaurant); Most Authentic Asian Cuisine Restaurant (Benjarong Royal Thai Restaurant and [illegible] Japanese Restaurant), [illegible].

"These accomplishments will greatly motivate all of us to continuously exceed our guests' expectations through the unique synthesis of Thai hospitality and Filipino genuine [illegible] at Dusit Thani Manila," said the [illegible] GM Prateek, [illegible].

This year's charity is the Make-A-Wish Foundation, Singapore. The Adopt-A-Wish Programme allows individuals or companies grant the heartfelt wishes of children with life-threatening illnesses. Now, dahlings, that's what giving from the heart is all about. [illegible], palangga!



MARY/UNDERT [illegible] posing alongside the poster of the movie, "Saturday Night Fever"



GERMAN [illegible], [illegible] Madrid, [illegible]



GRETCHEN Lim, [illegible], April San Felipe, Michelle Bautista



RITA [illegible], Bianca [illegible] Elizalde, Georgia Schulze-del Rosario



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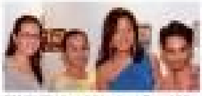
JUAN Elizalde and Paolo Occhionero, the man behind Aria Cucina Italiana



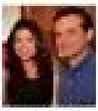
[illegible] Prince [illegible] managing director C.B. [illegible] hands the Hotel of the Year Award to Dusit Thani Manila GM Prateek Kumar



STANDING: [illegible] director Jon Cortez, executive chef Christian Weckerling, [illegible], [illegible] Ramon Porta; Seated: rooms director Leo Barretto, GM Prateek Kumar, sales and marketing director Michelle Roldan

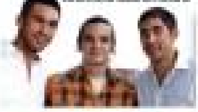


DESIGNER [illegible], [illegible], [illegible]



MARILEN [illegible] and husband [illegible] Elizalde

ANTON del Rosario, Paolo [illegible], Armand del Rosario





[illegible]



MATTHEW Lim, [illegible]



DUSIT Thani Manila's winning team. Standing: Benjarong Royal Thai Restaurant manager [illegible]; Basix All-Day Dining Restaurant [illegible]; [illegible]. Seated: finance director Jon Cortez, rooms director Leo Barretto, GM Prateek Kumar, sales and marketing director Michelle Roldan, HR director [illegible]



PAM [illegible] Elizalde, [illegible] Pardo de Tavera Elizalde, [illegible] Elizalde Sr., Juan Elizalde



ANGELA [illegible]

Make those Christmas lights last until next season

All you need is a hanger

Anton Barretto and Mariaan Lopa



DO-IT-YOURSELF

[illegible]



PREPARE your hanger, wooden or plastic hangers



LOOP roll Christmas lights without hanger and keep it in a box or hang in your closet.



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Robinsons eco bag benefits schoolkids

[illegible]

Sun Cellular vehicle-assistance program

[illegible]

ENTERTAINMENT





Doing justice to 'forgotten soldiers'



DONALD Plaza stands proudly beside a poster of his documentary, "Forgotten Soldiers."

Manila-born US Navy vet worked six years on docu film of Philippine Scouts, heroes of WWII

CLARK FREEPORT—Twenty-five years after leaving for the United States, Donald Plaza was drawn to the military history of the country of his birth.

Never too late for this indie film

By Bayani San Diego Jr.

IT'S NEVER too late. After being shown all over the world last year, "Busong," by indie filmmaker Auraeus Solito, will finally be seen by Philippine audiences this month.





Never too late for this indie film

After screenings in 20 international film fests, Auraeus Solito's 'Busong' opens at the Shangri-La cinema

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Doing justice to 'forgotten soldiers'

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John Prats now more confident

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Busong

Anonymous



Sector 7

The Lucky One

TV5 seduces Derek Ramsay

Passion for sports, not money, motivated his transfer, he says



Storm of protest

P600-million contract

No bad blood

No truth...

Marvelous Marvin

Hot TV show

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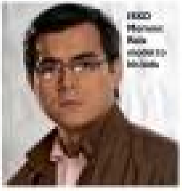
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